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August 3, 1945

## MARKET NEWS AND GRADING DIVISION MEMORANDUM NO. AD-100

To: All Market News and Grading Personnel

From: Fred J. Beard, Market News and Grading Division

Subject: Revised Hourly Rates for Meat Grading and Specification Examination Work as Approved by Acting Secretary J.B.Hutson, August 1, 1945.

Effective August 1, 1945, the revised hourly rate charge for commercial grading work as well as for specification examination work and special assignments for Government agencies (excepting the Commodity Credit Corporation) will be \$2.70 per hour, with a minimum charge of \$1.35 for one-half hour's work.

All grading certificates and fee bills covering grading work performed after July 31, 1945 shall be prepared showing total fees at the new hourly rate.

Revised rates for grading work performed on a commitment basis, will be released in the near future.

The new hourly rates include travel and per diem expense which in some cases in the past were charged to the applicant requesting the grading service. The revised rates were made necessary because of the increased salary and overtime expense of meat grading personnel.

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